



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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\*\*State Legislators representing the Blackfoot River area.  
\*\*Region 2 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Citizens Advisory Council  
\*\*Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor Cooperators  
\*\*Blackfoot River Special Recreation Permit Program Commercial Permittees  
\*\*Blackfoot Recreation Steering Committee Members  
\*\*Interested Parties

\*Mailed electronically; \*\*Postcard notification

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review, a draft environmental assessment (EA) for site improvements at Russell Gates Memorial Fishing Access Site (FAS). Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) seeks public review and comment on the proposed improvements and draft EA for the Russell Gates project. The purpose of the site improvement project is to accommodate current use levels, reduce and reverse impacts of public recreational use on the river bank & site facilities, minimize conflict between campers and day use visitors and to stabilize the river bank and riparian vegetation.

This draft EA is available for review in Helena at MFWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500 by emailing [clorentz@mt.gov](mailto:clorentz@mt.gov); or by viewing FWP's Internet website [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) ("Public Notices").

The deadline to comment is Friday, November 30, 2009 by 5:00 pm. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Russell Gates EA, Montana FWP, PO Box 136, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail to [clorentz@mt.gov](mailto:clorentz@mt.gov). If you have questions, please contact Chris Lorentz at 406-677-6804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Bastian".

Lee Bastian  
Regional Parks Supervisor

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Enclosure: Draft Russell Gates Memorial FAS Site Improvements EA.